बनिवादी सुविधाओं की उपलब्धता को देखते हुए अधिकांश राज्यों में स्थापित किए गए हैं ।

Food Processing Industry at Salem

1031. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Salem tops the list in mango production;

(b) whether a food processing company would be established at Salem in order to utilise the bulk of mangoes;

(c) whether the Union Government have received petitions in this regard; and

(d) if so what decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Although Salem District does not top the list of mango producing Districts in the country, its quantity of production of mangoes is considerable. However, Central Government does not set up food processing units directly. At present there is no proposal to set up a food processing company at Salem. However, there are 8 units in Salem District, licensed under the Fruit Product Order which are capable of processing mangoes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

फलों के रस से पेय पदार्थों का निर्माण

1032. **श्री माहेश्वर सिंह** : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने यह आश्वासन दिया था कि वह फल उत्पादकों को प्रोत्साहित करने की दृष्टि से तथा उन्हें अपनी फसल का उचित मूल्य दिलाने के उद्देश्य से पेय पदार्थों में 20 प्रतिशत फल रस अनिवार्य रूप से होने पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) से (ख) जी, नहीं । परंतु शीतल पेयों में 200% फल रस अनिवार्य रूप से मिलाने के लिए हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार से एक प्रस्ताव/सुझाव प्राप्त हुआ है । तकनीकी और कानूनी पक्षों आदि सहित इस प्रस्ताव की संभाव्यता की जांच की जा रही है ।

Attracting private investment in the Food Processing sector

1033. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments to consider suitable amendments in Sales Tax, Octroi, market fee and provide certain other incentives in order to attract more private sector investments in the food processing sector;

(b) if so, what are the details of instructions issued to State Governments;

(c) what has been the response of each State Government in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for the speedy implementation of its instructions?